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In re application of: Gabriele, Alfred M.

Application No.: 09/833,036

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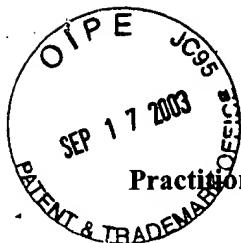
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STATUS

2. Applicant claims small entity status.

EXTENSION OF TIME

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for three months:

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY		
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	Minus	24	= 0	x \$9 = \$0
Indep.	Minus	4	= 0	x \$42 = \$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ \$135 =	\$0

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No additional fee for claims is required.
 Total additional fee required is \$ _____.

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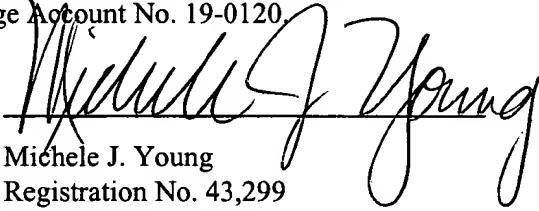
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6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 19-0120.
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AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 5 and 6, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (Presently Amended) A method of coating a substrate, comprising:

providing a substrate having a surface;

forming a polymeric layer on the surface of the substrate by electrophoretically applying a layer of a polymeric precursor to at least a portion of the surface;

elevating the temperature of [polymerizing] the polymeric precursor to at least about 320°F to form a polymerized layer; and

applying a metal coating to at least a portion of the polymerized layer;

wherein the metal coating is applied under sub-atmospheric conditions.

wherein the step of forming the polymerized layer includes.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the polymeric precursor is selected from the group consisting of acrylics, epoxies, urethanes, and combinations thereof.

5. (Canceled)